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+Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#582 (ELW)

1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high,
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

2. Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ,
you we praise with endless worship for your gracious gifts unpriced.

3. Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry,
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

***Greeting**

p. 147 (ELW)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Kyrie**

p. 147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, **the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Brother James' Air

Handbells

Children's Message

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn of the Day**

Healer of Our Every Ill

#612 (ELW)

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]
2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]
3. Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]
4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering *"With Prayerful Heart"*

Bertha Frick

***Offertory Response** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

#294 (vs.3 ELW)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wiseman I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – Give my heart.

***Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

#772 (ELW)

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep,
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands— 'tis a delightful road—
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

***Dismissal**

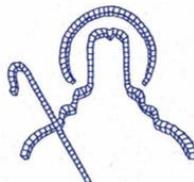
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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NEWS & NOTES

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Acolyte: Aveya Hoover
Lector: Tim Rasch
Cantor: Chuck Johnson
Choir Director: Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Roy & Ada Hobbs, Jim McDonald
Tellers: Jill Klapatch, Debbie Lind
Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law
Altar Guild: Sharon Cook

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

John Lund for his upcoming birthday on Tuesday

We extend our deepest sympathies to;

- The family of Sue & Tom Graber for the passing of Sue's mother, Rose Corradi, on January 21st, 2023.

- The family of Jean Stirewalt. Jean passed away on February 2nd, 2023.

- The family of Jaylen Kade Coward. Jaylen passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 4th, 2023

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in honor of Arlene Pascuzzi's 95th baptismal birthday 2/8/1928
- God Bless you, Arlene

Radio broadcast sponsorships are needed.

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please call the office at 218-263-7422.

Weekly broadcasts are \$50 each

Please note: Church Office will be closed on
Tuesday, February 14th

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 12th

9:00 Worship &
Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 Baptismal Birthday party
for Arlene Pascuzzi
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG

Monday, 13th

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 14th

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Office Closed

6:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805

Wednesday, 15th

8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study
11:30 Staff Meeting
7:00 Confirmation
Grades 7th, 8th & 9th
7:00 Choir

Thursday, 16th

VOICE Submission Deadline

Sunday, 19th

9:00 Worship &
Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240AM WMFG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for a celebration honoring Arlene Pascuzzi's 95th Baptismal Birthday! After researching some old church records, it was discovered that Arlene was baptized in Our Savior's Lutheran Church 95 years ago on 2/8/1928, which appears to make her the longest running member of OSLC in Hibbing.

It's time to register for Camp Vermilion or Camp Hiawatha this summer

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!
Register online using transfer code: **OSLC501**
Go to: VLMcamps.org



Register by February 15th to get the **"Early, Early Bird"** rate

BABY SHOWER 2023

Join us in showering the newborns of Fairview Range Medical Center in Hibbing!

Handmade hats, sweaters, afghans, and blankets are especially appreciated for this initiative. Gifts of sleepers and outfits in *preemie and newborn sizes* are the greatest need. Clothing and other items should be new and the smallest sizes are preferred. Disposable diapers in *newborn and size 1* are also welcome. Monetary donations can be made through the church office and will be used to purchase additional items.

Gifts may be left in the pack n' play located in the narthex through February 28th.

-Pam Rundell for OSLCW



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Submission deadline for the VOICE publication is this Thursday, February 16th

Wednesday, February 22nd

5:30 Potato Bake

6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

